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Indiscriminate filling of Indian and Foreign Patents
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Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CSIR has recently and out a stern message to its laboratories to avoid indiscriminate filing of Indian and foreign patents;
(b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor; and
(c) the steps taken by the Government to put in place system and processes so that unimportant patents are not filed and demonetization of patents in pursued vigorously?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND EARTH SCIENCES

(SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY)

(a) Yes, Madam. CSIR has sent out a message to all its laboratories to avoid filing of patents without appropriate techno-commercial evaluation.

(b) In order to align the IP strategy of CSIR with the priorities of socio-economic development including escalating costs of patent filings, this message was sent to exercise utmost due diligence in filing of patents.

(c) CSIR has taken following steps to put in place an appropriate system:

(i) Establishment of IP Directorate at CSIR to analyse IP (Intellectual Property) life cycle from generation to exploitation.
(ii) Preparation of standard operating procedures (SOP) and guidelines for evaluation of invention in alignment with National IPR Policy.

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